

**HURON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHILDRENS HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST**

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME AND WITH YOUR PARENTS CHECK YOUR HOME FOR FIRE SAFETY

Every Home Should Have at Least One Working Smoke Detector    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

A smoke alarm can double your chances of survival, install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, particularly near bedrooms. Test it monthly, keep it free of dust and replace the battery at least once a year.

Prevent Electrical Fires    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

Never overload circuits or extension cords. Do not place cords and wires under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas. Unplug appliances when not in use. Immediately shut off and unplug appliances that sputter, spark or emit an unusual smell. Use safety caps to cover all unused outlets, especially if there are small children in the home.

Protect Alternate Heaters    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

Portable heaters need their space, so keep anything combustible at least three (3) feet away. Keep fire in the fireplace by using fire screens. Have your chimney cleaned annually; the creosote buildup could ignite a chimney fire that could easily spread.

Know your Fire Extinguisher    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

Store fire extinguishers in handy spots like exits, in the kitchen, basement and garage. Read the instructions and know the limitations of your fire extinguisher.

Plan your Escape & Practice your Plan    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

Practice an escape plan from every room in the house. Put escape ladders in upper floor bedrooms. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and to never open doors that are hot. Select a location outside where everyone can meet after exiting the house, like the mailbox or end of the driveway. Get out, stay out and then call for help.

Prepare your Home with These Emergency Necessities    ☐ YES    ☐ NO

- Plan your purchasing around the size or your house (including number of floors and rooms) and age and location of family members
- Don't forget special supplies and needs for babies, the elderly and dependent persons.

Purchase and install these products

- ☐ Smoke Alarms & Batteries
- ☐ Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- ☐ Fire Extinguishers
- ☐ Escape Ladders
- ☐ Fireproof Safe
- ☐ Outlet Protectors
- ☐ Fireplace Screens

Prepare ahead of time !

- ☐ Plan your escape route and practice your plan
- ☐ Check pilot lights and smoke detector batteries regularly
- ☐ Clean up accumulated kitchen grease
- ☐ Know the location, type and purpose of your fire extinguisher(s)
- ☐ Examine your extinguisher for any signs of damage or tampering
- ☐ Know how to use your fire extinguisher
- ☐ Kitchen fire extinguishers should be ABC rated
- ☐ Keep pot and pan handles pointed towards the back of the range top
- ☐ Teach your children that fire is a tool, not a toy
- ☐ Teach your children how to dial 911 for emergency assistance. The use of 911 is for emergencies only

#### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Ambulance                      911

Relative or Friend

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Other

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If you have any questions regarding fire safety in the home or would like a home inspection call 734-753-4466 ext. 254. Free smoke alarms and installation is available if needed.